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CRAMBE ABYSSINICA

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PREFACE

Crambe abyssinica is an annual oilseed crop grown from the Mediterranean to Central and Western Europe. This oilseed is now being grown in limited quantities in the United States. Because of its physical characteristics, crambe oil is a potential raw material in the plastics, rubber, lubricant, and steel industries.

Crambe will not compete with other oilseed crops grown on U.S. farms because of its compositional characteristics. Its establishment as a new crop will provide farm operators with an alternate use for farmland that would otherwise produce crops that are less in demand.

This bibliography contains reports and articles published since 1945. They are arranged in alphabetical order by author or source. Subjects covered in the bibliography are: (1) Botanical and taxonomic characteristics, (2) selection and breeding, (3) diseases, (4) cultural practices and production requirements, (5) oil and meal composition and characteristics, (6) processing, and (7) potential markets and utilization of the oil and meal.

Market and agronomic research on crambe's potential as a new crop is being conducted by the Crops Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Md.; the Northern Utilization Research and Development Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, Peoria, Ill.; State Agricultural Experiment Stations throughout the United States; and the Marketing Economics Division, Economic Research Service, Washington, D. C. This current bibliography will provide research personnel with a tool to prevent duplication in research efforts and a guide to new areas requiring additional research to establish crambe as a new farm crop.

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